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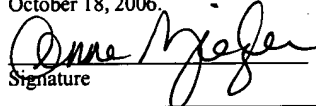
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, Applicant requests reconsideration for allowance of the claims pending per this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.